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Nahr ki Sada`ayn

Calls from the Stream

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Du'a for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'a (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Translation

O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious! (*Al-Mustatraf*, vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note:

Recite Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ once before and after the Du'a.

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Calls from the Stream*

No matter how lazy Satan tries to make you feel, please read this speech completely. You will feel a Madani revolution taking place in your heart, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Crown of pearls

It is stated in the book *Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*: After the demise of Sayyiduna Abul 'Abbas Ahmad Bin Mansoor رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, someone from Shiraz saw him in a dream dressed in heavenly clothing with a crown of pearls on his head, standing in the Mihrab (arch) of the main Masjid of Shiraz. The dreaming person asked, 'مَا فَعَلَ اللَّهُ بِكَ؟' How did Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ treat you? He رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ replied, 'الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ' I used to recite Salat upon the Rasool of Rahmah, Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ abundantly and this act of mine brought about my success.

* This speech of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَاعِيَةُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ was relayed via telephone from Sharjah to Multan on 17 Jumadal Aakhir 1418 AH, 20-09-1997. It is now being published in the form of a booklet with amendments and additions.

Allah ﷺ not only forgave me and bestowed upon me (this) crown but also made me enter Heaven.’ (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi*, pp. 254)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna Ka'b-ul-Ahbaar رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was a great Taabi'i saint. Before embracing Islam, he was a very brilliant Jewish scholar. He stated: An Israelite (who had repented) committed adultery with a prostitute again and then went to a stream in order to have a bath. All of a sudden, calls from the stream came, 'Don't you have any shame? Had you not repented and promised that you would never do that again?' Listening to it, he got into an emotional state and ran away, crying, screaming and saying, 'I would never ever disobey my Beloved Allah ﷺ.' Running, he reached a mountain where he found 12 men who were worshipping Allah ﷺ. He also joined them.

After some period of time, a drought occurred there, so the caravan of those pious bondmen departed for the city in search of food. By chance, they passed the same stream. That person trembled with fear and said, 'I would not go to the stream because someone aware of my sins is present there and I feel shy with him.' Therefore, he stopped while the rest 12 men reached the stream. Once again, calls from the stream came, 'O pious bondmen! Where is your companion?' They replied,

‘He says that someone aware of his sins is present here and he feels shy with him.’ The voice came from the stream, ‘سُبْحَنَ اللّٰه! If a relative of yours bothers you but then apologizes to you, feeling ashamed, and gives up his bad habit, so don’t you get reconciled with him? Your companion has also repented and has started performing good deeds. Now he has got reconciled with his Lord. Bring him here and all of you perform worship at the edge of the stream.’

They gave the good news to him and all of them engaged themselves in the acts of worship until that person passed away there. Upon this, calls from the stream echoed, ‘O pious bondmen! Bathe him with my water and bury him at the edge of me so that he will be resurrected on the Day of Judgement from here.’ They did so. At night, beside the tomb of that person, they continued to worship Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ until they went to sleep. They had intended to depart from there in the morning. When they woke up, they saw that there were 12 straight and carrot-shaped trees around his tomb. They understood that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has created those trees for them so that they stay under their shade instead of moving to anywhere else. Therefore, they engaged themselves in worship there instead of going elsewhere. When any of them passed away, the deceased would be buried beside the grave of the same person. At last, all of them passed away. The Israelites used to visit these tombs. (*Kitab-ut-Tawwabeen*, pp. 90)

May Allah ﷺ have mercy on them and forgive us without accountability for their sake!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Allah ﷺ is watching

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see? How Merciful and Benevolent Allah ﷺ is! When a bondman repents sincerely, Allah ﷺ gets pleased with him. This parable also shows that Allah ﷺ watches the sinner no matter he commits the sin at a highly secret place. Furthermore, it also became obvious that the practice of visiting the tombs of pious predecessors existed even among the previous Ummahs.

Keep repenting

Dear Islamic brothers! If anyone commits a sin, he should repent of it. As a human, if he indulges in the sin again, he should repent of it again. If he commits the misdeed once again, he should repent of it once again. One should never ever be disappointed with the mercy of Allah ﷺ. His mercy is infinite. Indeed forgiving sins cannot cause any harm to His mercy. All we need is to keep repenting and seeking forgiveness.

The Holy Nabi ﷺ said, 'الْكَائِبُ مِنَ الذَّنْبِ كَمَنْ لَا ذَنْبَ لَهُ' i.e. *One who repents of sins is like the one who has not committed the sin at all.* (Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 4, pp. 491, Hadees 4250)

So we became aware that the sins of the repenting person are erased. Therefore, we should always show humbleness in the Divine court and should not get disappointed with His mercy.

Will only the pious enter Heaven?

We are mentioning Divine mercy. Let me also tell you there are some unwise people who say, 'One can enter Heaven only by the means of good deeds. The sinner will certainly enter Hell. How can one be forgiven merely by mercy?' These types of thoughts are certainly satanic whispers. I am not talking about mercy on the basis of my personal opinion. Listen! In Ayah 53 of Surah Az-Zumar, Allah عزوجل said in part 24 of the Holy Quran:

قُلْ يَعْبادِي الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِنْ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٣﴾

Say you (O beloved), 'O my slaves¹, those who have committed excess against their own souls (by committing sins), do not lose

¹ (All Muslims are truly the slaves of Nabi Muhammad ﷺ.)

Calls from the Stream

hope in Allah's mercy; indeed Allah forgives all sins; indeed He only is the Oft Forgiving, the Most Merciful.'

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)]

A Qudsi Hadees mentions a saying of Allah ﷻ:

سَبَقَتْ رَحْمَتِي غَضَبِي

My mercy dominates My wrath.

(Sahih Muslim, pp. 1471, Hadees 2751)

Great poet and brother of A'la Hadrat, Maulana Hasan Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ begs for Divine mercy in his following two couplets given in his Na'at collection *Zauq-e-Na'at*:

سَبَقَتْ رَحْمَتِي عَلَى غَضَبِي

Tu nay jab say suna diya Ya Rab

Aasira ham gunahgaraun ka

Aur mazboot ho gaya Ya Rab

Meaning: O Lord! We sinners have had even bigger hope ever since we have heard that Your mercy dominates Your wrath.

(Zauq-e-Na'at)

Parable of humble bondman

Dear Islamic brothers! Indeed the mercy of Allah ﷻ is infinitely, immensely and immeasurably great. If He ﷻ gets pleased even with the smallest of deeds, so He bestows so many blessings and bounties upon the bondman that he cannot even imagine. It is stated in the book ‘*Kitab-ut-Tawwabeen*’ that Sayyiduna Ka’b-ul-Ahbaar رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ stated: Two Israelites went towards a Masjid. One of them entered the Masjid but the other, overcome with Divine fear, sat outside, saying, ‘I am a sinful person. How can I be able to enter the blessed House of Allah ﷻ with my sinful body?’ Allah ﷻ liked his humility and recorded his name among the Siddiqueen.

(Kitab-ut-Tawwabeen, pp. 83)

Remember that the rank of a Siddeeq is greater than even a Wali and a martyr.

Parable of ashamed bondman

Another similar parable is given on page 83 of the book ‘*Kitab-ut-Tawwabeen*’. An Israelite committed a sin. Feeling extremely ashamed, he started running here and there anxiously with a wish to get his sin forgiven and to please his Lord. In the Merciful court of Allah ﷻ, his anxiety and shame were accepted and he was blessed with the rank of a Siddeeq – the greatest rank of Wilayah.

Guilt is repentance

The Greatest and Noblest Nabi ﷺ stated: 'الْكَدَمُ تَوْبَةٌ' i.e. *guilt is repentance*. (Al-Mustadrak, vol. 5, pp. 346, Hadees 7687) In fact, sometimes, guilty feeling about sins produces such amazing results that are not produced even by the greatest act of worship. This does not also mean that one should not perform worship. All this actually depends upon the Will of Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ. At times, guilty feeling and sometimes worship leads to salvation.

Sawm-observing robber

It is stated in the book 'Raud-ur-Riyaheen' that Sayyiduna Shaykh Abu Bakr Shibli رحمه الله تعالى عليه stated: I was going to Syria along with a caravan. On the way, a gang of robbers robbed us of all of our belongings which they put in front of their chief. Among the looted things were also a bag of sugar and almonds. All robbers started eating but their chief didn't. I asked, 'All are eating but why aren't you eating?' He replied, 'I am observing Sawm.' Surprised, I asked, 'You rob people and keep Sawm as well!' He replied, 'One should have something that could bring reconciliation with Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ.'

Sayyiduna Shaykh Shibli رحمه الله تعالى عليه further stated: After some period of time, I saw the same chief of robbers performing Tawaf of the Holy Ka'bah in the state of Ihram. There was brightness of worship on his face and he had been weak because of performing great pious deeds. I asked him in surprise, 'Are you

not the same person?’ He replied, ‘Yes, I am. Listen! The very same Sawm has brought about my reconciliation with Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.’

(Raud-ur-Riyaheen, pp. 293)

Observe Sawm every Monday

Dear Islamic brothers! This shows that we should not miss any good deed considering it to be small. Who knows the very same small-looking good deed gets accepted in the Divine court, bringing success to our worldly life as well as to our afterlife. This parable also shows the importance of Nafl Sawm. No doubt, not everyone is capable enough to keep Nafl Sawm in abundance but one should at least keep a Sawm every Monday. This is a Sunnah as well as the 58th Madani In’aam among the Madani In’amaat – a great set of guideline on how to become pious. By the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, a large number of Islamic brothers and sisters who are associated with Dawat-e-Islami act upon the Sunnah of keeping Sawn on Monday, following this Madani In’aam.

Moreover, the serial ‘Munajat-e-Iftar’ is broadcast live every Monday on the most favourite and one hundred percent Islamic channel, i.e. the Madani Channel run by devotees of Rasool. The faith-refreshing scene of devotees of Rasool doing Iftar is also shown. You should also keep watching Madani Channel with good intentions and motivate others to watch it, earning rich rewards.

Fire-worshipping family embraced Islam

Let's now listen to a Madani parable of Madani Channel. Here is a summary of a piece of writing received from a handsome film actor from Bombay (Hind) whose name was Jahangir. He has stated: Our entire family were fire-worshippers. It was as if the launching of Madani Channel brought a message of salvation for us. My mother used to watch Madani Channel very fondly. One day, it occurred to me that my mother often watches the green-turban-wearing Maulanas very eagerly. What is the reason for it? Let me also watch and listen to them. Therefore, I also set the Madani Channel and began to watch it. A Madani Muzakarah was being broadcast at that time. I liked it and kept listening attentively. The excellent advices being given on the Madani Channel touched my heart, causing a revolution in it. I felt my conscience pricking me and calling out, 'Jahangir! You are wandering on the wrong path. If you need salvation, then embrace the truthful religion of these green-turban wearing people, i.e. Islam.'

By the grace of Allah ﷻ, I contacted the website of Dawat-e-Islami, i.e. www.dawateislami.net and embraced Islam. I also contacted Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. They also guided me very much. I became greatly impressed with their good manners. By the grace of Allah ﷻ, now my entire family has embraced Islam. I developed the habit of watching Madani Muzakarabs till 3 a.m. broadcast on the Madani Channel. Once motivation for

growing a beard was being provided. Since the very same day, I have also started growing my beard. Moreover, I am also learning Islamic beliefs, Salah etc. with the help of the devotees of Rasool from Bombay.

*Madani Channel laye ga Sunnat ki ghar ghar mayn bahaar
Ker day Maula dau jahan mayn nazireen ka bayra paar*

*Madani Channel will bring the blessing of Sunnah to every home
May the Almighty grant success in both worlds to its viewers*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's again talk about our topic. We were mentioning the blessing of Sawm and the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. بِسُخْنِ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! A Sawm elevated the chief of robbers to a very great rank. By the blessing of Sawm, he was guided to the right path and was blessed with performing acts of worship and pious deeds.

Reason for forgiveness

It is stated in the book 'Kimiya-e-Sa'adat' that Sayyiduna Shaykh Kitaani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: After the demise of Sayyiduna Junayd Baghdadi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, I had a dream in which I saw him and asked, 'مَا فَعَلَ اللَّهُ بِكَ؟', i.e. how did Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ treat you? He

replied, 'The acts of worship and pious deeds did not benefit me, however, I was forgiven by the blessing of the two Rak'at Tahajjud Salah I used to offer having woken up from sleep at night.' (*Kimiya-e-Sa'adat*, vol. 2, pp. 1007)

رَحْمَتِ حَقِّ بِهَاءِ، نَهْ مِ جَوِيدِ
رَحْمَتِ حَقِّ بِهَانِهْ مِ جَوِيدِ

Translation: The mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not seek price. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ grants mercy even for minor deeds.

Dear Islamic brothers! In addition to Fard acts of worship, one should also develop the habit of performing Nafl ones. In particular, one should never miss Salat-ut-Tahajjud. Who knows the hardship of waking up at the time of Tahajjud gets accepted in the Divine court, bringing forgiveness for us.

Some Muslims will certainly enter Hell

Beware! No one should misunderstand this speech on mercy. Nobody should have such thoughts as the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is very great, so let's now miss Fard Salahs and Sawm, let's now watch movies and dramas on TV and internet, let's also indulge in unlawful gazing. The mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is very great, so let's bother our parents, swear at others, tell a lot of lies, indulge in the backbiting of Muslims, hurt their feelings, mistreat others. The mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is immensely great,

so let's shave or trim our beard less than a fist-length, let's steal things, commit robbery, oppress others, drink alcohol, play gambling games and let's even open a casino. Let's commit even those sins we have not yet committed because the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is very great!

Dear Islamic brothers! May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy and grace on you and forgive you without accountability! Aameen! Be careful in case Satan makes you obey him in this way. Remember! While Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ shows mercy and kindness, He also shows wrath and gives punishment. While He grants huge blessings, He is also absolutely Self-Reliant. If He punishes anyone even for a minor sin, then the sinner will never be able to save himself in any way. Beware! Beware! Beware! It is confirmed that at least some Muslims will enter Hell due to their sins. We should always tremble with fear, thinking about the Hidden Plan of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in case our name is also included in the list of those entering Hell.

Madani mindset of Farooq-e-A'zam

The leader of believers, Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ had a great Madani mindset. He had a unique level of hope and fear. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ stated, 'If an announcer announces from the sky, 'All of you will enter Paradise but one person will not enter it, so I will fear that I might be that person. And if the announcer announces that all of you will enter Hell but one person will not enter it, so I will hope that I

might be that person. (*Hilya-tul-Awliya*, vol. 1, pp. 89) Anyway, we should neither get disappointed with the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ nor should we get fearless from His wrath.

One bullet from gun

Let me try to explain this point to you with the help of a logical example. Let's suppose that ten thousand Islamic brothers are present in the Ijtimā' right now. If a terrorist standing on the roof of a nearby house threatens, 'I will fire only one bullet which will hit only one person. Others will remain safe.' What do you think? Only one person will be hit with a bullet. Will other nine thousand nine hundred ninety nine Islamic brothers get fearless? Never! Everyone will run away for the fear of being hit by the bullet. Hopefully, you may have got the point.

Slippers of fire

When it is confirmed that at least a few Muslims will enter Hell due to their sins, then why doesn't every Muslim fear in case I enter Hell? By Almighty! There is no comparison at all between being hit with a bullet fired from a gun and being punished in Hell. It is stated in the book '*Sahih Muslim*' that the slightest punishment in Hell is that the person to be punished will be made to wear the slippers of fire whose heat will make his brain boil like a pot. He will think that he is being given the severest punishment. (*Sahih Muslim*, pp. 134, *Hadees* 212)

It is stated in the book '*Sahih Bukhari*' that on the Day of Judgement, Allah ﷻ will say to the person being given the slightest punishment, 'If you were the owner of whatever (wealth etc.) is in earth, would you give it all in expiation in order to get rid of the punishment?' He will say, 'Certainly'.
(*Sahih Bukhari*, vol. 4, pp. 261, Hadees 6557)

That is, I will give everything if I am allowed to take off these slippers of fire, relieving me of this punishment in any way.

Can anyone bear the slightest punishment?

Dear Islamic brothers! Think! Ponder again and again! If anyone is given the very same slightest punishment due to any minor sin, then what will become of him? For example, if anyone swears at the other and is given this slightest punishment, what will become of him? If anyone bothers his parents and is inflicted with the same slightest punishment, how can he bear it? Remember! Swearing at others and bothering one's parents are both major sins, not minor ones. Ponder about the sins committed on a daily basis. Lying, backbiting, tale-telling, earning Haraam sustenance, taking drugs, watching films and dramas, listening to songs and music and watching only news being delivered by any female newscaster are all misdeeds. If anyone is given the slightest punishment as result of any of these sins, what will become of him? How unfortunate the woman is who reads the news on TV just for the sake of a few

coins. If only she had realized that ‘millions of men are filling their eyes with Haraam by unlawfully looking at me, thereby putting their eyes at risk of being filled with fire of Hell. And I am myself committing a great sin by doing so’.

Anyway, one who is under the impression that he has kept the TV just for listening to the news should be aware that for a man to look at a non-Mahram woman and for a woman to look at a non-Mahram man with lust are both Haraam deeds leading to Hell. So, if anyone is given the slightest punishment in Hell and is made to wear the slippers of fire due to watching and listening to the news on TV, what will become of him? In order to have enthusiasm for reforming yourself, you should develop the mindset that ‘if I miss congregational Salah without a Shari’ah-approved reason and I am given the slightest punishment due to it, what will become of me? Similarly, if I have a friendly relationship with my sister-in-law or look at her deliberately or if I do not observe Islamic veil with the wives of the brothers of my father or with my paternal and maternal non-Mahram cousins or if I look at them and talk to them laughingly and if any of these misdeeds reaches the level of being a sin, resulting in me being made to wear the slippers of fire, so what will become of me?’

Remember that the sister-in-law and the aunts, etc. mentioned above are all non-Mahram women. Shari’ah has commanded Muslim men to observe Islamic veil with these women and with

every such woman whom marriage is permissible with. Women should also observe Islamic veil with all non-Mahram relatives.

Horrible punishment in Hell

Dear Islamic brothers! At least feel fear from the slightest punishment and also remember that there are extremely severe punishments in Hell. It is stated on pages 293 to 297 of the second volume of the book '*Bayanaat-e-'Attariyyah*' [Discourses of Attar] published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islam: How odd the person is who commits sins despite knowing that Hell is the place of the severest punishment! Dear Islamic brothers! If Hell is opened as much as even a needle's eye, all those on earth will die of its heat. The drink that will be given to the dwellers of Hell is very dangerous. If a mug of it is poured into the world, all of its crops will be destroyed and neither any grain nor any fruit will then grow. The snakes and scorpions of Hell are also very dangerous.

It is stated in a Hadees, 'In Hell, there will be big snakes like the necks of non-Arab camels which will sting the Hell-dwellers. They will be so poisonous that if any snake stings anyone only once, he will feel severe pain for 40 years. The scorpions will be as big as rein-fastened mules. They will continue to sting the Hell-dwellers and the severe pain because of being stung once will persist for 40 years.

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 6, pp. 216, Hadees 17729)

It is narrated in the book ‘*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi*’ that there is a mountain of fire in Hell, namely ‘Sa’ood’ which is as high as is the distance covered in seventy years. The disbelieving Hell-dwellers will be made to climb it. They will reach its peak after seventy years. They will then be thrown from the top, so they will reach the bottom after seventy years. Punishment like that will continue to be given to them.

(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 260, Hadees 2585)

Even after listening to these severe punishments of Hell, if anyone does not give up sins, he is really an odd person. Man is excessively attracted to and greedy for the world. What can it give to him?

Dangerous ‘foods’ in Hell

Those enjoying eating delicious foods should not forget the dangerous foods of Hell. It is stated in the book ‘*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi*’ that the Hell-dwellers will be made to suffer hunger that will be equivalent to all those punishments being given to them. They will beg and be given poisonous and thorny grass that will neither fatten up nor will relieve hunger. They will then ask for food and be given the one that will choke them. So they will recall that they used to drink water to swallow the thing that they choked on in the world. Hence they will ask for water and be given boiling water with a pair of iron-made pincers. When brought near to their mouths, it will burn their mouths.

When it reaches their stomach, it will cut everything in their stomachs. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 263, Hadees 2595*)

Another Hadees states that a drop from Zaqqoom (i.e. very bitter thorny tree in Hell), if made to fall on to the world, will rot all the eating and drinking things of the people of the world. (*Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 4, pp. 531, Hadees 4325*)

Alas! Why does man commit sins so fearlessly despite being aware of such severe punishment in Hell?

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Neither disappointment nor fearlessness

Dear Islamic brothers! Tremble with Divine fear and repent of your sins. We should neither get disappointed with the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ nor should we get fearless from His wrath. Both of these conditions bring destruction. Anyone disappointed with the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will be ruined and anyone fearlessly committing sins will also be destroyed if seized. We should not forget that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has created us and has blessed us with countless favours merely by His mercy and benevolence. These facts require that we should obey our Lord and should follow His Rasool, acting upon his Sunnah. This will bring success in our worldly life as well as in afterlife.

Calls from the Stream

Kab gunahaun say kanarah mayn karoon ga Ya Rab!

Nayk kab ay mayray Allah! Banu ga Ya Rab!

Kab gunahaun kay maraz say mayn shifa paoon ga!

Kab mayn beemar Madinay ka banu ga Ya Rab!

'Afw ker aur sada kay liye raazi ho ja

Ger karam ker day to Jannat mayn rahun ga Ya Rab

Translation: When will I give up sins, O Lord عَزَّوَجَلَّ! When will I become pious, O Lord عَزَّوَجَلَّ! When will I get cured of the disease of sins! When will I become a devotee to Madinah! O Lord! Forgive me and get pleased with me for evermore. If You bestow Your grace, I will live in Jannah O Lord عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

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Dear Islamic brothers! Near the end of my speech, I would like to have the privilege of mentioning the excellence of Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'One who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and one who loves me will be with me in Paradise.' (*Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343*)

Seenah tayri Sunnat ka Madinah banay Aqa

Jannat mayn parausi mujhay tum apna banana

*O my Master! May my heart be full of love for your Sunnah!
Please make me your neighbour in Jannah*

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30 Madani pearls of visiting patients

Eight sayings of the Holy Rasool ﷺ:

1. ‘عُودُوا الْمَرِيضَ’ Visit the patient.
(Al-Adab-ul-Mufrad, pp. 137, Hadees 518)
2. Whoever visits a patient, Allah ﷻ bestows a shadow of 75,000 angels upon him, and for every step he takes, Allah ﷻ writes one virtue for him, and every step he places, Allah ﷻ removes one sin of his and elevates one rank until he sits at his place. When he sits, so mercy covers him and will continue to cover him until he returns to his home. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 3, pp. 222, Hadees 4396)*
3. Whoever visits a patient, it is announced from the sky, ‘Good news is for you; your visiting is good and you have made a place for yourself in Paradise.’
(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 192, Hadees 1443)
4. If a Muslim visits a sick Muslim in the morning, 70,000 angels pray for his forgiveness till the evening; and if he visits in the evening, 70,000 angels pray for his forgiveness

till the morning. And for him there will be a garden in Paradise. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 290, Hadees 971*)

5. The one who makes proper Wudu and visits his (sick) Muslim brother with the intention of receiving reward, will be moved away from Hell [equal to] the distance of 70 years. (*Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 3, pp. 248, Hadees 3097*)
6. When you visit a patient, ask him to pray for you, as his prayer is like the prayer of angles. (*Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 191, Hadees 1441*)
7. The prayer of a patient is not rejected till he recovers. (*Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 4, pp. 166, Hadees 19*)
8. When a Muslim visits a sick Muslim, he should recite the following prayer 7 times:

أَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ رَبَّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ أَنْ يَشْفِيكَ¹

If death has not come, he will be cured. (*Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 3, pp. 251, Hadees 3106*)

9. Visiting a sick person is a Sunnah. If you feel that your visit would be inconvenient for the patient, then do not visit him. (*Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 3, pp. 505*)

¹ **Translation:** I ask Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the Great Lord of the great 'Arsh, to cure you.

10. Even if you have strained relations with the patient or you do not like him, you should still visit him.
11. Visit the patient purely with the intention of following the blessed Sunnah. If anyone visits a patient merely for the reason that he will also visit me when I fall ill, then no reward will be granted.
12. If you visit a patient and notice his severe illness, do not talk to him in such a way that he feels fear, e.g., '*you are in a critical condition!*' Nor should the visitor shake his head in such a way that it indicates the patient is in a serious condition.
13. At the time of visiting, show distress and sorrow from your facial expressions in front of an ailing or a grieved person.
14. Never talk in such a way that the patient or his attendant has the satanic whisper that you are happy about his problem.
15. Express your sympathy with the patient's family members as well and offer all possible assistance and cooperation.
16. Get close to the patient and enquire about him and pray for his recovery and well-being.
17. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had a blessed and beautiful habit. Whenever

he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ visited any patient, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would recite لَا بَأْسَ ظَهَرَ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ¹.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 505, Hadees 3616)

18. Ask the patient to make Du'a for you as the patient's Du'a is not rejected.
19. The Revered and Renowned Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Proper [way of] visiting the sick is that you place your hand on his forehead and ask him how he is.'

(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 334, Hadees 2740)

A renowned commentator, a great thinker of Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has written in the commentary of this blessed Hadees: When anyone visits a patient, he should place his hand on the patient's forehead and say, 'How are you?' This comforts the patient and shows affection, but you should avoid placing your hand for a long time. (Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 6, pp. 358 with some changes)

20. A polite and pleasant conversation should be made with the patient to please him. Mention the excellence of illness and talk about the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ so that he may focus his attention on the reward of the Hereafter and avoid complaining of his grief due to impatience.

¹ **Translation:** Don't worry about it! If Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills, this illness will purify you (from sins)!

21. Whilst visiting the patient, convey the call to righteousness to him on the appropriate occasion. In particular, motivate him to offer Salah regularly because, during illness, even the Salah-offering people become heedless of Salah.
22. Motivate the patient to watch Madani Channel and tell him about its blessings.
23. Motivate the patient to travel in the Madani Qafilah. If he is unable to travel, then motivate any of his family members to travel in a Madani Qafilah on his behalf. Tell him about the Madani blessings of the Madani Qafilah mentioning that sometimes patients are miraculously cured by virtue of the Du'a made during the Madani Qafilah.
24. Do not stay long with the patient nor make a noise. However, if the patient wants you to spend more time with him, then you may (if possible), respecting his wish.
25. Some people are habitual of prescribing medicine to the patients and to their attendants. Some even insist that the patient follow their prescribed treatment i.e., take a certain medicine and you will be cured! The patient should not follow these treatments prescribed by any ordinary person. The saying goes, '*little knowledge is dangerous*'. Instead, consult your doctor before using the medicine prescribed by anybody. Beware! Those who are not doctors but even then are habitual of prescribing medicine should avoid it.

26. Presenting a gift to the patient while visiting him is something good. However, avoiding the visit because of having nothing to present and thinking that '*they will mind if you visit the patient empty handed*' is not good. One should visit the patient even if he has nothing to present; avoiding the visit for this reason deprives one of the rewards.
27. If you intend to take biscuits, fruits and gifts etc. with you to give to the patient, it is suggested that you also give some booklets (published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah) to the patient so that he will give them to visitors (and if he is admitted in hospital), he may give them to his neighbouring patients and their relatives. How nice it will be if the patient himself sends someone to purchase booklets and earns reward by keeping them for this purpose.
28. Visiting a Faasiq (transgressor) is permissible because it is an Islamic right of every Muslim, and a transgressor is also a Muslim. (*Bahar-e-Shari'at*, vol. 3, pp. 505)
29. It is impermissible to pay condolences to a Murtad (apostate) and a Herbi disbeliever. (Presently, all disbelievers are Herbi in the world.)
30. It is not allowed to pay condolences to a heretic – one with corrupt beliefs.

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